

**Chambers of Senior Judge H. F. Gierke**

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**H. F. "Sparky" Gierke**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: North Dakota 1964 BA, 1966 JD

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, George Washington University Law School; Adjunct Professor, Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law; Adjunct Professor, Barry University of Orlando School of Law

**Government:** State's Attorney, Office of the State's Attorney, County of McKenzie, North Dakota (1974-1982); City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney, City of Watford, North Dakota (1974-1983)

**Judicial:** Justice, North Dakota Supreme Court (1983-1991); Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces; Associate Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (1991-2006)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1971-1983)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1967-1971)

**Current Memberships:** American Association for Justice; American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society; National District Attorneys Association; North Dakota State's Attorneys Association; State Bar Association of North Dakota

**Chambers of Senior Judge Susan J. Crawford**

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**Susan Jean Crawford**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Bucknell 1969 BA; New England 1977 JD  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Instructor, Garrett College (1979-1981)

**Government:** Assistant State's Attorney, Office of the State's Attorney, Garrett County, Maryland (1978-1980); Principal Deputy General Counsel, United States Department of the Army, United States Department of Defense (1981-1983); General Counsel, United States Department of the Army, United States Department of Defense (1983-1989); Special Counsel to the Secretary, United States Department of Defense (1989); Inspector General, United States Department of Defense (1989-1991)

**Judicial:** United States Court of Military Appeals (1991)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Burnett & Eiswert (1977-1979); Partner, Burnett, Eiswert & Crawford (1979-1981)

**Current Memberships:** The Edward Bennett Williams American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court, The District of Columbia Bar, Federal Bar Association; Maryland State Bar Association, Inc.

**Chambers of Senior Judge Eugene R. Sullivan**

6307 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20816  
Tel: (301) 320-5964 Fax: (301) 320-6835

**Eugene R. Sullivan**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1941  
Education: West Point 1964 BS; Georgetown 1971 JD  
Began Service: October 1, 1986  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable M. C. Mathes, United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (1971-1972)

**Chambers of Senior Judge Eugene R. Sullivan continued**

**Government:** Assistant Special Counsel, Executive Office of the President, Gerald Ford Administration (1974); Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1974-1982); Chief Legal Advisor, National Reconnaissance Office, Ronald Reagan Administration (1982-1986); Deputy General Counsel, General Counsel, United States Department of the Air Force (1982-1984); General Counsel, United States Department of the Air Force, United States Department of Defense, Ronald Reagan Administration (1984-1986); Governor, Wake Island Territory (1984-1986)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Patton, Boggs & Blow (1972-1974)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1964-1969)

**Current Memberships:** The District of Columbia Bar; The Missouri Bar

**Chambers of Senior Judge Walter T. Cox III**

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**Walter T. Cox III**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
Education: Clemson 1964 BS; South Carolina 1967 JD  
Began Service: September 6, 1984  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Judicial:** Resident Judge, South Carolina Circuit Court, 10th Judicial Circuit (1978-1984)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Jones, McIntosh, Threlkeld, Newman and Cox (1973-1978)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1964-1973)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Anderson County Bar Association; Anderson County Young Lawyers; The Bar Association of the District of Columbia; Blue Key Honor Society; Federal Bar Association; Judge Advocates Association; South Carolina Bar; South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association

**United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims**

625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20004-2950  
Tel: (202) 501-5970 Fax: (202) 501-5848  
Internet: www.vetapp.gov

**Number of Judgeships: 7**

Created in 1988, this Court consisting of a chief judge and six associate judges has exclusive jurisdiction to review final decisions of the Board of Veterans Appeals, an administrative arm of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Cases involve reviewing the Board's determination of entitlement or disability benefits. The rulings can be appealed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims is independent and does not come under the purview of the Judicial Conference of the United States or the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. The President appoints a chief judge and between two and six judges. The appointments are for 15-year terms and subject to Senate confirmation.

**Court Staff**

Clerk of Court and Executive Officer

**Norman Y. Herring** ..... (202) 501-5980  
Education: Kentucky 1973 BS;  
Thomas Jefferson Law 1976 JD

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Began Service: 2007

Counsel to the Clerk **Cary Sklar** ..... (202) 501-5970 ext. 1037  
Education: Cornell 1978 BS; Georgetown 1981 JD

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Began Service: 2007  
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**Chambers of Chief Judge William P. Greene, Jr**

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**William P. Greene, Jr.**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: West Virginia State Col 1965 BA;  
Howard U 1968 JD; Judge Advocate Gen 1974;  
US Army Command 1981; Army War Col 1986  
Began Service: November 24, 1997  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Term Expires: November 23, 2012

**Academic:** Department Chair, Criminal Law Division, Judge Advocate General's School, United States Army

**Government:** Immigration Judge, United States Department of Justice, William J. Clinton Administration (1993-1997)

**Legal Practice:** United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps

**Military Service:** United States Army (1968-1993); Chief Prosecutor, Fort Knox, Kentucky, United States Army; Chief Defense Counsel, Hawaii, United States Army; Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Third Infantry Division, Germany, United States Army; Staff Judge Advocate, Second Infantry Division, Korea, United States Army; Staff Judge Advocate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, United States Army; Staff Judge Advocate, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, United States Army

**Current Memberships:** Federal Bar Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Matthew R. Blenner** ..... (202) 501-5890  
Term Expires: November 2010

Education: George Washington 2005 JD  
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Term Expires: November 2010

Education: Michigan 2003 JD  
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Education: American U 2003 JD

**Chambers of Chief Judge William P. Greene, Jr continued**

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**Chambers of Judge Bruce E. Kasold**

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**Bruce E. Kasold**  
Judge

Education: West Point BS; Florida JD; Georgetown LLM  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Corporate:** Director, Pentagon Federal Credit Union

**Government:** Chief Counsel, Committee on Rules and Administration, United States Senate (1995-1998); Attorney, The Judge Advocate General, United States Department of Defense

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Holland & Knight LLP (1994-1995)

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Lindlee Baker** ..... (202) 501-5870  
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Term Expires: 2011

Law Clerk **Liisa Vehik** ..... (202) 501-5870  
Term Expires: 2010

Education: Washington U (MO) 2003 JD  
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**Chambers of Judge Lawrence B. Hagel**

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**Lawrence B. Hagel**  
Judge

Date of Birth: March 27, 1947  
Education: Naval Acad 1969 BS; McGeorge 1976 JD;  
George Washington 1983 LLM  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
Term Expires: December 15, 2016

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1965-1969); United States Marine Corps (1969-1990); Judge Advocate United States Marine Corps (1976-1990)

**Nonprofit:** Counsel, Paralyzed Veterans of America (1990-2004)

**Current Memberships:** The District of Columbia Bar; Federal Bar Association; Iowa State Bar Association; State Bar of California

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Lee William Berry** ..... (202) 501-5862  
Began Service: 2009

Term Expires: 2010  
Law Clerk **Bradley Fink** ..... (202) 501-5862  
Began Service: 2009

Law Clerk **Rory Riley** ..... (202) 501-5862  
Began Service: 2009

Education: Col Holy Cross 2004 BA;  
Quinnipiac U 2007 JD  
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Began Service: 2007  
Education: Hofstra JD

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